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Text of statement on Buckley

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BEIRUT - Here is the text of a statement by Islamic Jihad published yesterday in the An Nahar newspaper. The statement, repeating that the group has killed US diplomat William Buckley, was translated from Arabic by The Associated Press:

In the name of God, the merciful, the compassionate.

After the entire world became aware that America was the chief accomplice in the crime against Tunisia, and after it became incapable of justifying its ugly crimes against Moslems, it tried to forge lies, saying it had no proof that the American spy, William Buckley, has been killed.

It was trying to make people believe it has not received any blow in retaliation for its participation in the crime against the Moslem people in Tunis.

It claimed that the spy was killed two months ago, basing its claims on its intelligence, on its Lebanese intelligence friends and their agents.

We wish to emphasize to the world's Moslem community that we have executed the spy, William Buckley, in response to the strike which was directed against the Moslem people in Tunisia.

We are prepared to strike with an iron fist in retaliation for any attack on our Islamic people. We shall chop off the hand that tries to strike at Moslems. When Jihad Islami says something, it does it.

The lies were aimed at misleading

the families of the hostages. The American government and its president have their hands covered with the blood of the oppressed people in America and elsewhere.

Here we provide America with another proof for Buckley's execution. We warn America and hold it responsible for what happens futurely to the other hostages.

We wish to address the United Nations, which for the first time has denounced the ugly Israeli-American crime against Moslems in Tunisia. The United Nations should always be a fair judge, complying with the quests of the people so it may be supported by the people.

But if the veto power is used, against the desires of the people, then it will be an organization against the people, and not for the people. Therefore, terrorist Israel and its supporters should be expelled from the United Nations.

In response to this denunciation, and with the permission of the families of the martyrs who fell in Tunisia, we place the body at the disposal of the United Nations and its secretary general, Javier Peres de Cuellar, and that is on condition 100 Palestinian prisoners are released from Israeli jails.

As a proof to our good intentions, we will turn over the body of the American spy 24 hours before the day of the release of the 100 prisoners from Israel. If we are betrayed, then Mr. de Cuellar will pay dearly.

Finally, we address the families of the other American hostages. We regret to say that the American administration, and particularly President Reagan, will be responsible for any harm befalling the other hostages.